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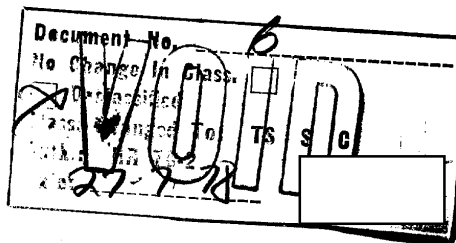
1. The space provided for the storage of refrigerated meat in the cities of Erfurt and Magdeburg is fully stocked. It is not known what percentage of the total DDR meat storage space is represented by the refrigerators located in Erfurt and Magdeburg, nor is information available on storage capacity in other localities.
2. According to the feeling predominant among the population of the DDR, the present meat shortage is caused by the building of reserves in preparation for the August World Youth Festival. [REDACTED] the overfulfillment of planned meat production and the shipment of meat eastwards through Stettin by rail might tend to indicate that the present shortage is caused by the accumulation of reserves for military purposes.
3. Officially, no reasons have been given for the decrease in meat distributed to the domestic economy. The government of the DDR has stated only that the move will put meat production on a firmer basis, which, in turn, will permit the ration to be increased in the fall and winter of 1951. \*

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Comment: The fact that the DDR government suggests that there will be more meat for the domestic economy shortly after the Festival in August might serve to substantiate the opinion that the present shortage is, in fact, caused by the accumulation of stores for the World Youth Festival.

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